Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* I submit, Sir, that the explanation has not taken me any further from my point. Once it is wet it comes down under the weight of grain to the lowest level and it will be floating on water. With all deference to the Hon'ble Member for Revenue I submit that this piece of explanation is most unscientific. Nothing more, nothing less. Now, that the whole matter has been placed before the Hon'ble House and on the consideration that the amount has to be paid as compensation, I urge upon the Hon'ble Member for Revenue to reconsider the position and to give relief to these poor tenants and provide against forfeiture under the Verumpattamdars Act. With this request placed before the Hon'ble Government I beg leave of the House to withdraw this motion.

Motion, by leave withdrawn

Demand put and carried

77. Rs. 13,575 under "29-A—Civil Engineering—Communication Original"

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional grant of Rs. 13,575 under "29 A. Civil Engineering—Communication Original". This money is required for the work of metalling the first section of the Chalakkudi-Koramala Road which has come now into great importance. Several tons of timber and fuel as well as tapioca have to be transported through that road and so this work has to be taken up urgently. I request the House may be pleased to grant this amount.

Demand put and carried

78. Rs. 15,898 under "29-A—Civil Engineering—Maintenance"

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 15,898 under "29 A. Civil Engineering—Maintenance". This amount is required for additional payment to the Municipalities for the maintenance of their roads. We used to contribute a certain amount of money to all the Municipalities of the State for the maintenance of trunk roads. Now on account of the war conditions and consequent on the increase of maintenance charges, the Municipalities had been requesting the Government for increased grant for maintenance. It is to meet this expenditure that this grant is now being made. I request the House may be pleased to grant the amount.

Demand put and carried

79. Rs. 13,765 under "29-A1. Civil Egineering—Establishment Charges"

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 13,765 under "29. A-1—Civil Engineering—Establishment Charges—Dearness Allowance". It is for dearness allowance. I request that the House may be pleased to grant the allotment.

Demand put and carried

80. Rs. 305 under "29-A-1—Civil Engineering—Contingency rent"

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Sir, I rise to move for an addtional allotment of Rs. 305 under "29-A-1—Civil Engineering—Contingency rent". I request the House may be pleased to grant the allotment.

Demand put and carried

81. Rs. 42,000 under "29-A. 1—Tools and plant"

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Sir, I rise to move for additional allotment of Rs. 42,000 under "29-A-1—Tools and plants". This expenditure is in connection with the manufacture of pumps for the Kole drainage scheme. These pumps had to be manufactured very urgently as it was found that this year's Kole cultivation would be seriously jeopardised if we had not got our own pumps for drainage purposes. Accordingly we got these pumps made locally and for that purpose this expenditure has been incurred. These pumps are still with us and it is a capital investment. I request the House may be pleased to grant this allotment.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Sir, I have tabled a cut-motion for eliciting some information and if that information is supplied I do not move the motion formally.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* That is a capital expenditure. This represents the cost of pumps which we manufactured. We are hiring out these pumps to the ryots. Last year we hired these pumps at the rate of Rs. 15 a horse-power.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Did you manufacture these pumps last year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No. We manufactured them this year.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* All these items of Rs. 42,000 are capital outlay and the amounts cannot be realised.

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